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1. REFTTEL PARA 3 PROMISED SUBSTANCE OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S PRESENTATION TO PRCLO CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF PROPOSED DELEGATION OF LEADERS OF WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS TO PRC. FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE OF LETTER DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO PRCLO BY NC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROSEN ON MARCH 8TH.

2. NC SUPPLIES PRCLO FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WITH FULL CONCURRENCE OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR) IN HOPES OF ENDING MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING TYPE OF DELEGATION NC PROPOSES. NC CONSIDERS THIS TO BE ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT DELEGATIONS SENT TO PRC SINCE BEGINNING OF SUCH EXCHANGES BETWEEN US AND PRC.

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3. ORIGINAL NC PROPOSAL (PRESENTED TO CHINESE IN SUMMER

1973) WAS FOR US DELEGATION TO REPRESENT FOUR MAJOR WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING THE CFR. CFR HAS ONLY A FEW FULL-TIME OFFICERS AND SMALL STAFF BUT HAS LARGE MEMBERSHIP OF PRIVATE CITIZENS IN MANY FIELDS, INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN, LAWYERS, EDUCATORS, AND

LEADERS OF OTHER CIVIC AND WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT US. FURTHERMORE, CFR HEADQUARTERS AND MAIN AREA OF ACTIVITY ARE IN NEW YORK CITY. THEREFORE TO FORM DELEGATION WHICH HAS NATION-WIDE REPRESENTATION, NC FEELS IT SHOULD INCLUDE CFR MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO LEADERS OF OTHER WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION (UNA), FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION (FPA) AND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS (NCCWA) ARE CONCURRENTLY MEMBERS OF CFR. BOTH NC AND CFR FEEL IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR NCCWA TO BE INCLUDED IN

DELEGATION BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS LEADERSHIP OF LOCAL WORLD AFFAIRS BODIES IN MAJOR CITIES THROUGHOUT US, A GROUP WHICH PLAYS A LEADING ROLE IN SHAPING AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES.

4. NC STRESSES THAT IT AND CFR AGREE ON GENERAL NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION, WHICH WILL CONSIST PREDOMINANTLY OF CFR MEMBERS AND WHICH WILL BE LED BY AN OFFICER OF CFR. NEVERTHELESS, NC AND CFR ALSO SUPPORT PRINCIPLE THAT ONCE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED ON GENERAL NATURE OF A FORTHCOMING DELEGATION, THE SENDING SIDE SHALL DESIGNATE THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP. (BEGIN FYI THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF COURSE HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THIS PRINCIPLE END FYI).

5. THIS LETTER WAS GIVEN PRCLO ON MARCH 7. IF WE HEAR OF ANY CHINESE REACTION WE WILL NOTIFY YOU. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED YOU FOR BACKGROUND ONLY AND NO ACTION IS NECESSARY ON YOUR PART NOW. INGERSOLL

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